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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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	) Examiner: NYA
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	) Group Art Unit No.: 2131
Filed on: July 14, 2003	)

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING AN OPEN AND INTEROPERABLE SYSTEM

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10/837,146	04-30-2004	15437-0653
10/833,414	04-27-2004	15437-0654
10/836,991	04-30-2004	15437-0673

referred to as the "related applications", contain subject matter that is related to the subject matter of the present application. The related applications may contain one or more claims that are substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related applications. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file histories of the related applications as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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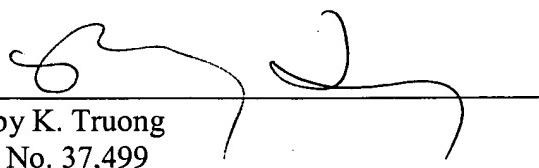
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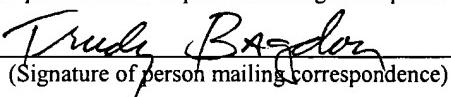
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